

## BULLETS AND DYNAMITE FOR MINERS WHO CONTINUE WORK.

Two Workmen in Anthracite Region Shot Down and the Home of Others Is Blown to Pieces—Troops Go to Place Where a Striker Was Killed by a Deputy and Will Remain There Until After the Funeral.

## EFFORT TO START WASHERY TO-DAY LIKELY TO MAKE TROUBLE.

## REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Aug. 19.—The cold-blooded shooting of two workmen at the Edgerton mine near Carbondale, the dynamiting of a house at Pittston, the arrival of troops in the Panther Creek Valley, where Patrick Sharpe was shot and killed last night, make the sum of the most notable events of this day in the great coal strike.

Besides this the preparations for the starting of the Washery at Duryea were resumed and work will begin there to-morrow morning, with the prospect that before the day is over troops will be called to the scene.

Each of the men shot at the Edgerton Colliery of the Temple Coal and Iron Company is in a precarious condition.

Michael Connelly, a foreman, is wounded in the leg and his right eye is torn out by a bullet.

Forest Crossman, a laborer, had his leg shattered by a ball, and it had to be amputated.

The two had been told several times by strikers that it would be well for them to remain away from work, but they continued going to the colliery.

This morning shortly after midnight, while working in a water drain about 1,500 feet from the breaker, they were shot. The shots came from a culm bank, seventy-five feet away, and were fired by expert marksmen. As the first rang out and the shot struck Connelly's leg, he thought it had been fired by one of the coal and iron policemen who, he imagined, had mistaken them for strikers about to attack the colliery.

Appeal Answered With a Laugh.

"For God's sake, don't shoot!" he cried. "It's Connelly."

There was a laugh from a man on the bank and at the same moment a second shot.

Connelly was half turned from the assassin and the shot, aimed for his head, struck his shoulder, glanced on the bone and tore his right eye out.

So quickly had the shots come that Crossman, jumping up in terror, had but time to run after Connelly when the third shot struck him in the leg between the ankle and the knee and shattered the bone.

In order to save his life the leg was amputated.

At Pittston about 3 o'clock this morning a terrific report in one of the most thickly populated streets aroused the whole neighborhood.

An attempt had been made to blow up the house of John Wachs with dynamite. The whole front of it was wrecked and much of the interior damaged, but none of the inmates were injured.

Workmen's Home Is Dynamited.

The dynamiting was due to the fact that three members of the household, two sons and a son-in-law of Wachs, are nonunion workers at the Butler and the No. 6 washeries near Pittston. They, as in the case of the men at the Edgerton mine, had been warned to quit work and had refused.

Quietly, at 2:30 this morning, there marched through Lansford the First Battalion of the Twelfth Regiment, commanded by Major Gearhard and accompanied by General Gobin of the Third Brigade and his staff.

At that time there were many on the streets, the excitement caused by the shooting of Patrick Sharpe, the strike leader, last night, keeping them up. The troops were not expected.

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## DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH, BANDBOX IN HAND, ARRIVES.

Pretty Peeress Assailed by Masked Battery of Cameras as She Steps From Steamer Kronprinz Wilhelm—Appears Just as Slender, Beautiful and Democratic as When She Left Her Home a Bride Seven Years Ago—Joyousness of Return Marred by the Sad News of the Death of Mr. and Mrs. Fair.

## WILL SPEND ABOUT FOUR WEEKS IN THE UNITED STATES.



Who arrived in America yesterday for the first time since her wedding.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Aug. 19.—Consuelo, Duchess of Marlborough, for the first time since her marriage, seven years ago, returned to-day to the land of her birth. With her mother, Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, O. H. P. Belmont and Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., she was a passenger on the Kronprinz Wilhelm.

They had planned a joyous home-coming, but the occasion was turned to one of sorrow when news was received by wireless telegraph of the death of Mrs. Vanderbilt's brother, Charles I. Fair, which occurred several days after their departure. Mrs. Vanderbilt was at first prostrated, but soon regained control of herself.

In view of the death of Mr. Fair, the plans of Mr. and Mrs. Belmont for the entertainment of the Duchess are in abeyance.

The Duchess is still slender and even more beautiful than when she left this country as a bride. In manner she is simple and unaffected, and none of the girlish charm which characterized her as a debutante.

Carried Bandbox in Her Hand.

When she left the steamer this morning she had a band box in her hand. The presence of numerous photographers did not intimidate her, although she had been warned that there was a masked battery of cameras awaiting her. First to greet her as she stepped on the pier was her old nurse, who kissed her.

Mrs. Belmont walked down the gang plank with her daughter. Many of the women present remarked on the beauty of the simple gown of the Duchess. It was green crepe de Chine over white tulle. About her neck was a brown chenille bow and her waist was encircled with a cream-colored sash, which had brown polka dots. The hat was of straw, with trimmings of brown and white.

On the pier the Duchess was met by Harold Vanderbilt and Coleman Wm. Jay. As an international courtesy, two special inspectors had been sent down the bay to examine her luggage and that of her party, and there was little delay. Mr. and Mrs. Belmont and the Duchess went at once to the Waldorf-Astoria. They will start for Newport on the 1 o'clock train to-morrow afternoon.

Vanderbilt to Quit Automobiling.

Impetuous social engagements in England made it necessary for the Duchess to return by the last of next month. She will be for at least three weeks in Newport and for a few days at Hempstead.

Mrs. Herman Orlitzky, her sister, Mrs. Vanderbilt, at the pier, where she had waited for more than an hour. She had sent aboard the steamer at quarantine a mourning gown, in which Mrs. Vanderbilt was attired when she disembarked. Mrs. Vanderbilt will be the guest of her sister.

William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., was much distressed over the death of Mr. Fair. He said that he had taken a ride with his brother-in-law only a few days before he sailed. He declared that he did not consider the Fair machine a dangerous one, and thought that it could be easily controlled.

Mr. Vanderbilt brought with him, in four cars, the parts of an unfinished Mercedes automobile, which were packed by Renault in Paris. He said that he had sold all his machines now in this country, and that he did not intend to devote any more time to automobiling.

WILL PROLONG NEWPORT SEASON.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 19.—Newport is eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Duchess of Marlborough, who is expected here to-morrow evening, when she will find a host of invitations awaiting.

The first announcement of any prominence that the Duchess is likely to attend is Mrs. Fish's continental ball of Friday night. For next week a host of entertainments have been arranged already, not absolutely for the Duchess, but, no doubt, with a view to her being present.

The Duchess also will be at Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt's "Wild Rose" show Monday night and at Mrs. Astor's ball Thursday night of next week. This visit will do much to prolong the Newport season of gaiety.

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## RATS GNAW FACE OF SLEEPING BABY.

Family of Seven Lives in One Room in a Washington Avenue Basement.

## SEWER PIPE RUNS THROUGH IT.

Rodents Come Up Between Irregular Boards and Attack Grace Nichols, Two Years Old.

Grace Nichols, 2 years old, living in the rear part of the basement at No. 144 Washington avenue, was attacked by rats early yesterday morning, and severely bitten about the face and hands.

Finding the baby sound asleep on the floor, the rodents gnawed her face, and when the little one tried to drive them off by striking them with her hands, they only angered them into a more vicious onslaught. They nearly tore one finger off the child's left hand.

Angered by the frantic cries, Mrs. Nichols hastily procured a light and found the baby covered with blood. She called her husband, who scoured the room for rats, but they had escaped at the approach of light.

The Nichols family moved to St. Louis from Alton three weeks ago, and not having all their furniture with them, they fixed a pallet on the floor. There five children, ranging in age from two to eleven years of age, slept.

They rent the two rear rooms of No. 144 Washington avenue, but the entire family, including the mother and father and five children, sleep in the rear room.

The front room is used as a kind of storage place; the sewer drain pipe runs through the basement. About the floor, which is constructed from numerous pieces of old boards, hammered down in irregular shape, are numerous rat holes.

Mrs. Nichols, the mother of the baby, thinks that the rats must have come from the sewer. Lena, the nine-year-old daughter of Mrs. Nichols, stated that she has seen the floor covered with rats even in the day time.

Mrs. Nichols carried her baby to the City Dispensary where Doctor Voerster dressed and cauterized the wounds, and pronounced them painful but not serious.

HE FORGOT TO TIE THE DOG.

Dynamite Fastened to Animal's Neck Blew Up His Home.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Drifton, Pa., Aug. 19.—George Meechou of Sale Siding owned a dog suffering with mange. In order to dispose of the animal, he took it to the woods and attached two sticks of dynamite and a long fuse to his neck. He left the dog and retired to a place of safety, forgetting to tie the dog. The animal ran after its master to his residence.

Meechou saw the animal coming and, knowing an explosion was liable to occur at any minute, quickened his pace, with the dog close at his heels.

He was successful in reaching the house in safety and closed the door. The dog, badly frightened by the sizzling of the fuse, took refuge under the house. Immediately a terrific explosion occurred and the building with its contents and the dog were blown to pieces. None of the family, who were in the house, were seriously injured.

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## D. F. LEAVITT ENDS LIFE WITH CARBOLIC ACID.

Treasurer of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri and Well-Known Coffee Broker Becomes Despondent Because of Ill-Health and Absence of Family—Body Is Found Many Hours After Death by His Son.

## CORONER DECIDES THAT POISON WAS SELF-ADMINISTERED.

David F. Leavitt, treasurer of the Episcopal diocese of Missouri, Bishop Tuttle's right-hand man, one of the founders of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, former vestryman of Christ Church Cathedral, well-known coffee broker and owner of property in Cabanne, committed suicide in his home, No. 115 Blackstone avenue, Monday night, by taking carbolic acid.

Business troubles and ill health are given as the double cause of the deed.

Mr. Leavitt's death was discovered yesterday afternoon by his son, Franklin Leavitt, a resident of Ferguson, who, upon learning that his father had not reported at his office for business, became alarmed and hastened to the latter's home, to find his dead body stretched upon a bed in one of the upper rooms.

Immediately upon making the discovery, young Mr. Leavitt notified Doctor J. William Williamson of No. 560 Cass avenue, a relative, who, in turn, notified the coroner.

POST-MORTEM REVEALS DEATH FROM POISONING.

Deputy Coroner Fitzsimmons went to the Leavitt home, and after holding an inquest ordered a post-mortem examination, which was performed by Doctor D. F. Hochdoerfer, and which established the fact that death had been caused by carbolic acid poisoning.

An hour before the autopsy was performed, however, Policeman Borden of the Mounted District, who had been sent to the Leavitt home in response to a message received by the coroner, found a bottle containing carbolic acid in the drawer of a dresser in a room adjoining the one in which the body was lying, and to him the son of the dead man stated that he believed his father had taken his own life.

Mrs. Harriet Leavitt, the wife, who is spending the summer in the White Mountains of Vermont, was notified of the death by telegram and she is expected to arrive in the city not later than Thursday evening.

Mrs. Leavitt is in ill health.

SPEAKS OF LONELINESS IN LETTER TO SON.

A week ago Mr. Leavitt wrote to his son, Sherman, who is also in the White Mountains, that he was feeling worse than ever before and that he was longing to see his wife again. The general tone of the letter indicated that he was despondent and Sherman wrote to his brother, Franklin, requesting him to call upon their father and cheer him up.

Yesterday morning Franklin, who is a clerk in the State National Bank, called upon his father's office over the telephone and was told by the office boy, Charles Jackson, that he had not yet reported. As it was later than 10 o'clock, and Mr. Leavitt being prompt with his business affairs, the son thought it rather strange that he had not arrived, and questioned the boy to see if he could explain the tardiness.

"Your father gave me a key to his house yesterday and told me that in the event he should ever fall to report at the office before noon to go out and see if anything was wrong," said Jackson.

"Well, that was certainly a strange thing for him to do," replied the boy. "Perhaps something is wrong. If he does not come to the office before noon you come over to the bank and we will go out to the house together and investigate."

Knocks on the door and receives no response.

This ended the conversation over the telephone, but young Leavitt was considerably worried the rest of the morning, and at noon, when Jackson put in an appearance at the bank and told him his father had not yet appeared, he asked permission to leave his work and accompanied the boy to his father's house. Before going Franklin called upon a grocery store in the neighborhood of his father's home and asked the proprietor to ascertain whether or not his father was at home. A few minutes later he received information that the house was locked and that the morning paper was still on the front porch, where it had been thrown by the carrier.

"Something tells me father is dead," was the young man's exclamation when he received the groceryman's message. "We had better go direct to the house." And with Jackson at his heels he hurried for a car. All the way out to the house Franklin kept repeating that he thought his father was dead, and more than once he gave way to tears.

Upon ascending the hall stairs in his father's house Franklin saw through the open bedroom door his father's body lying upon the bed. He bounded into the room and when he saw the face rigid in death's grasp he stooped over and kissed it. Then he fell upon the prostrate form and wept like a child, his sobs being heard by the neighbors.

Little Jackson, the office boy, was badly frightened. His first impulse was to flee from the house, but he was so overcome with fear that he could not move.

When Franklin recovered from the first shock he hastened to a telephone and notified Doctor Williamson, and the latter hurried to the house.

There were no visible signs of anything but a natural death, and Franklin was, accordingly, greatly surprised when the doctor made that statement. He was about to question its meaning when Doctor Williamson rushed from the house and telephoned the coroner. The doctor was greatly excited and told the coroner that Mr. Leavitt's death was wrapped in mystery and

to come to the house and investigate at once.

The coroner notified the Mounted District Police Station and Policeman Borden was sent to the Leavitt home. It was then that the bottle of carbolic acid was found, and Franklin learned for the first time that his father had ended his own life. Still the absence of burns or any other sign of acid poisoning left the theory of suicide in doubt, until after the autopsy had been performed.

When Deputy Coroner Fitzsimmons arrived he examined the bottle and found that it was one-fourth empty. He then questioned the son closely and learned that Mr. Leavitt had been suffering from indigestion for several years, had been brooding over business affairs and had been complaining of loneliness because of the absence of his family.

This information led the Deputy Coroner to order a post-mortem examination and Doctor Hochdoerfer was summoned. In the meantime Franklin Leavitt had requested the Smithers Undertaking Company to take charge of the body and prepare it for burial, but when a representative of the undertaking firm called at the house he was told by the Deputy Coroner to postpone moving the body until after the autopsy.

SON IS MUCH AFFECTED BY HIS BEREAVEMENT.

An hour later, when Doctor Hochdoerfer finished the post-mortem and announced his discovery, young Leavitt fell upon his knees and wept. The scene was deeply pathetic, and several men, business colleagues of the dead man, could hardly restrain their emotion.

"Poor father, poor father. Mother must never learn of this," is all the grief-stricken young man could say when he arose to his feet. His father's friends tried to console him, but he could not be reconciled to the thought that his father had committed suicide, and continually gave way to his grief.

The presence of a policeman caused a stir in the quiet neighborhood of the Leavitt home, and people all about were discussing the probable cause.

MR. LEAVITT LAST SEEN ALIVE ON MONDAY NIGHT.

Mr. Leavitt was last seen alive about 9:30 o'clock Monday night. Mrs. Mary Jones, who lives at No. 115 Blackstone avenue, stated to Policeman Borden that she saw Mr. Leavitt turn down the light in his room at that time.

When discovered by Mr. Leavitt, he was only in his night gown, and was lying beneath the bed cover. From this it is surmised that he had retired before taking the fatal dose.

A tumbler which was found on a table near the bed had the odor of Jamaica ginger, a tonic which Mr. Leavitt had been taking for several years. There was no odor of carbolic acid, either in the tumbler or about the room, a fact which was considered strange, in view of the fact that the odor of acid was extremely noticeable when the autopsy was performed.

Mr. Leavitt was born in Dorchester, Mass., about sixty-three years ago and came to this country when a young man. There was no record of his death in the city of St. Louis, in the coffee and sugar brokerage business, in which he was actively engaged up to the time of his death. His office is located in the "Couples" block, at Seventh and Spruce streets.

PROMINENT IN CHURCH FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

For over twenty-five years Mr. Leavitt had been prominently identified with Episcopalism in St. Louis. He was a close personal friend of both Bishop Tuttle and the latter's predecessor, the late Bishop Robertson. Over twenty years ago he was elected treasurer of the diocese of Missouri, a position he filled with great credit to himself up to the time of his death.

Years ago when the resident section was in the eastern part of the city Mr. Leavitt was a member of Christ Church Cathedral and one of its first vestrymen. Later he was one of the founders of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, its first senior warden and also a member of its original vestry. He was considered a pillar of the church and was frequently consulted by the Reverend James R. Winchester, the rector, about matters pertaining to the parish.

About thirty-five years ago he married Miss Harriet Bent of Cambridge, Mass. At that time he was traveling in India and Miss Bent went there to be married.

Of the two sons who survive him, Sherman is a professor of chemistry at Washington University, and Franklin is a clerk in the State National Bank. The latter is married and resides with his wife and two children at Ferguson.

While Mrs. Leavitt and her son were away, and until last Saturday, Franklin and his family had been stopping at his father's home and keeping the latter company. Last Saturday word was received that Mrs. Leavitt and son Sherman would soon start home, and as there would be no room in the house for Franklin and his family after their return, he moved back to Ferguson.

Mr. Leavitt was very fond of his two little grandchildren, and when they had gone he deeply mourned their absence.

Saturday night, a few hours after Franklin's family had returned to Ferguson, Mr. Leavitt was taken ill and died. His death was a great loss to the church and to the community. His death was a great loss to the church and to the community.

PARTNER SAYS HE WORRIED OVER BUSINESS AFFAIRS.

Joseph Billings of Ferguson, who was associated with Mr. Leavitt in business and who was one of the first to be notified of the latter's death, stated that in his opinion worry over business troubles had a great deal to do with the deed.

"Business had been dull for some time in Mr. Leavitt's line," said he. "I think, however, that he was comfortably fixed financially. He owned some property in Cabanne, though I don't know how much."

Arrangements for the funeral will be deferred until after the arrival of Mrs. Leavitt. Business associates of Mr. Leavitt will be asked to act as pallbearers, and the Reverend Doctor Winchester will probably conduct the services.

Bishop Tuttle is at present out of the city and has not yet learned of Mr. Leavitt's death.

## MR. SCHWAB SAYS HE WILL NOT RESIGN.

Steel Corporation's President Arrives in New York on His Way to Europe.

New York, Aug. 19.—Charles M. Schwab, the president of the United Steel Corporation, arrived here this evening.

He was accompanied by his brother, Joseph Schwab, and his private secretary.

He stepped briskly from the car and as he did so he said to the newspaper men present:

"Now, gentlemen, I am going to tell you three things, and I don't want you to ask me any further questions.

"In the first place, I don't look like a sick man.

"In the second place, I feel the necessity of a rest and I am going to take one.

"In the third place, I am not going to resign and have no intention of retiring from the presidency of the United States Steel Corporation."

"Are you going to Europe?" Mr. Schwab was asked.

"Yes," he replied, "but don't ask me any more questions. That's all I have to say."

Mrs. Schwab is not with her husband. She will remain at Loretto during his absence.

Must Be Settled To-Day.

The entire matter must be settled to-day, as President Francis intends to start for St. Louis to-night. President Wright of the Park View Realty Company said last night that he expected to hear from Mr. Ramsey at any moment. The intimation was that the end of the long game over the use of the tract for Exposition purposes was at hand.

The certainty with which the Exposition authorities have regarded their chances to acquire the Catlin tract at the end of the negotiations was illustrated in a striking manner yesterday. At the Administration building the latest ground plan of the site provided for the location of the Fish, Forestry and Game building and the Education building in the foreground of the main picnic grounds, between the Manufactures and Varied Industries buildings and Lindell boulevard.

One of the buildings was located wholly on the site to the right of the grand circle. The other, in order to balance this disposition of the picture, would have to be located in front of the Varied Industries building and across Lindell boulevard and Game building near the Education building has been designed, but the plans show that they will follow the architectural lines of the Manufactures and the Varied Industries, the centers of the buildings being turned on an axis.

## FRANCIS AND RAMSEY TO END CATLIN DEAL.

Meeting Arranged to Take Place To-Day at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

President Francis of the Exposition Company and President Ramsey of the Wabash Railway will meet to-day in New York to settle the question of whether the Catlin tract is to become a part of the World's Fair site.

President Francis arrived at the Waldorf-Astoria last night from Jamestown, R. I. President Ramsey is also in the same city and President Thomas Wright of the Park View Realty Company expects to be at the view of the meeting before this evening.